

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The specification has been amended on page 1 to reflect that this application is a U.S. National Phase filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 of PCT/CA99/01151.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made."**

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and early and favourable consideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Before the first line of the specification, add the following;

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